

Amendments in the Claims: (struck-through parts deleted and underlined parts added)

1. (currently amended) A ~~laundry hamper device for removably receiving a plurality of clothes items, said device comprising~~ storage device comprising:

- 5 a container including a bottom wall and a peripheral wall being attached to and extending upwardly from said bottom wall, said peripheral wall having an upper edge defining an opening extending into said container;
- a plurality of guides being attached to an inner surface of said peripheral wall, each of said guides being vertically orientated;
- 10 a panel being positioned in said container, said panel having a top side, a bottom side and a peripheral edge, said panel being mounted on said plurality of guides such that said panel may be selectively moved between said bottom wall and said upper edge;
- a lid being hingedly coupled to said upper edge for selectively closing or opening
- 15 said container;
- at least one biasing member being mounted in said container for biasing said panel away from said bottom wall; and
- wherein said panel moves downwardly as additional clothes are positioned on said panel and said panel moves upwardly as clothes are removed from
- 20 said panel.

Claim 2 (cancelled)

- 25 3. (currently amended) The ~~laundry hamper~~ device of claim 1, wherein each of said guides generally extends between said bottom wall and said upper edge.

4. (currently amended) The ~~laundry hamper~~ device of claim 3, wherein each of said guides includes a pair of elongate members spaced from each other.

- 30 5. (currently amended) The ~~laundry hamper~~ device of claim 3, wherein said panel has a size and shape generally equal to an inner perimeter of said container, said

peripheral edge having a plurality of slots therein, each of said slots being positioned such that each of said guides is positioned in one of said slots.

5 6. (currently amended) The ~~laundry hamper~~ device of claim 4, wherein said panel has a size and shape generally equal to an inner perimeter of said container, said peripheral edge having a plurality of slots therein, each of said slots being positioned such that each of said guides is positioned in one of said slots.

10 7. (currently amended) The ~~laundry hamper~~ device of claim 6, wherein said at least one biasing member includes a plurality of biasing members, each of said biasing members being positioned between a pair of elongate members.

15 8. (currently amended) The ~~laundry hamper~~ device of claim 7, wherein each of said biasing members comprises a spring extending between said bottom wall and said bottom side of said panel.

9. (currently amended) A ~~laundry hamper device for removably receiving a plurality of clothes items, said device comprising~~ storage device comprising:

20 a container including a bottom wall and a peripheral wall being attached to and extending upwardly from said bottom wall, said peripheral wall having an upper edge defining an opening extending into said container, a lid being hingedly coupled to said upper edge for selectively closing or opening said container;

25 a plurality of guides being attached to an inner surface of said peripheral wall, each of said guides being vertically orientated, each of said guides generally extending between said bottom wall and said upper edge, said guides being spaced from each other, each of said guides including a pair of elongate members spaced from each other;

30 a panel being positioned in said container, said panel having a top side, a bottom side and a peripheral edge, said panel being mounted on said plurality of guides such that said panel may be selectively moved between said bottom

wall and said upper edge, said panel having a size and shape generally equal to an inner perimeter of said container, said peripheral edge having a plurality of slots therein, each of said slots being positioned such that each of said guides is positioned in one of said slots;

5 at least one biasing member for biasing said panel away from said bottom wall being mounted in said container and extending between said bottom wall and said panel, said at least one biasing member including a plurality of biasing members, each of said biasing members being positioned between a pair of elongate members, each of said biasing members comprising a
10 spring extending between said bottom wall and said bottom side of said panel;

a plurality of clothes being removably positioned in said container and abutting said panel; and

15 wherein said panel moves downwardly as additional clothes are positioned on said panel and said panel moves upwardly as clothes are removed from said panel.